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Trudy Sumsion, Spanish Fork, demonstrates yarn spinning at North Park in Provo Wednesday as part of Pioneer Day.

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Gulf War veterans star in Pioneer Day parade

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — With smart bombs and dumb oxen, helicopters and handcars, the Days of '47 Parade paid tribute to Utah's Gulf War veterans Wednesday while kicking off the state's grandest holiday.

A pair of Apache tank-killer helicopters flew over downtown Salt Lake City to start the two-mile parade, and the procession included an array of tanks, troops and weapons.

"Don't they look fearsome?" parade announcer Dick Dayhuff said as the Apaches rumbled over. "Can you imagine being under those things when they're shooting at you?"

Cheers and applause erupted from the crowd when Utahns from all branches of the military

and the state's guard and reserve units made their way down Main Street. Standing ovations greeted the troops along every block of the parade route.

Floats, covered wagons, horses and marching bands joined in the parade, one of the nation's largest, commemorating the arrival of Mormon pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847.

Police had no immediate estimate of the crowd's size, but tens of thousands of spectators lined the streets.

The festivities also served as another homecoming celebration for Utah soldiers deployed during Operation Desert Storm. More than 1,000 personnel who served in the war against Iraq marched in the two-hour procession.

Among the hardware displayed were Army Humvees and Hemmitts and an assortment of munitions from Hill Air Force Base, including mini-jets, missiles and the so-called "smart bombs."

For many in the crowd, part of the fun came the night before when throngs camped out on the sidewalk overnight in the unofficial street party that has become nearly as much a tradition as the parade itself.

"Sleeping on the street with a lot of people isn't really comfortable," said Shelley Allen, explaining that teen-agers were up and about for most of the night.

Other hits with the crowd were the snappy Liahona Alumni Band from Tonga and a colorful float showing a giant-sized boy scout

and raccoon fishing — an entry of the Mormon Church's Big Cottonwood Stake which won the Days of '47 Sweepstakes Award.

Earlier in the day, Paul Brennan logged an easy victory over 400 runners in the Deseret News-KSL Radio Marathon with a time of 2:34:31.

In addition to the annual Pioneer Day marathon, more than 2,000 men and women entered 10-kilometer races. Jon Sinclair's time of 28:09 was good enough to claim the men's 10K, while Lorraine Moller won the women's race in 32:13.

Elsewhere across Utah, holiday revelers headed outside or into the mountains for family gatherings, picnics and fairs.

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Faulty tires and landing gear apparently played a role in a plane crash that killed 247 Muslim pilgrims from Nigeria and 14 crew members, a preliminary report said today.

The statement from the Civil Aviation Authority dismissed the possibility that overloading caused the DC-8 to nose-dive shortly after takeoff from Jiddah's international airport on July 11.

It was the 10th-worst airline disaster. The jet was chartered from Montreal-based Nationair by a Nigerian company to transport Muslim pilgrims on the annual visit to Islamic holy sites in Saudi Arabia.

The authority's report was sketchy and said the reason for the crash was still not clear.

But it said marks were found showing faults with the major wheels during takeoff. The pilot reported difficulty controlling the aircraft and a fire on board during an attempt to return to the runway. The jet crashed about a half-mile short of the runway.

The report did not say why the tire and landing gear problems would make the plane difficult to fly.

"Early results of the investigation showed that the data concerning the weight was proper and that the load did not exceed the normal allowed limit," said the statement, distributed by the official Saudi Press Agency.



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this month's Federal Register, also will exclude Steubenville, Ohio, because of a similar dispute over non-attainment boundaries.

Currently, only Provo is designated as a non-attainment area for carbon monoxide in Utah County. Non-attainment areas regularly exceed federal standards for specific pollutants.

The EPA wants Provo, Orem, Springville, Vineyard and the unincorporated area bordered by Provo, Orem, Lindon and Utah Lake included in the new boundaries.

State and local political leaders and business representatives oppose the plan because they believe it could curtail economic development. They want proof of carbon monoxide problems outside of Provo before the boundary is expanded.

Hidinger said EPA is considering either leaving the boundary as is, or expanding it as proposed.

The agency will publish its intention in the Federal Register in a

Julie Mack said that decision will allow further study and public comment on the issue.

"I think this had to happen," she said. "We know we've got problems and we're happy that EPA is addressing the problem. (The coalition) feels that we need to take steps that will ensure that because of growth that the entire county doesn't have problems overall."

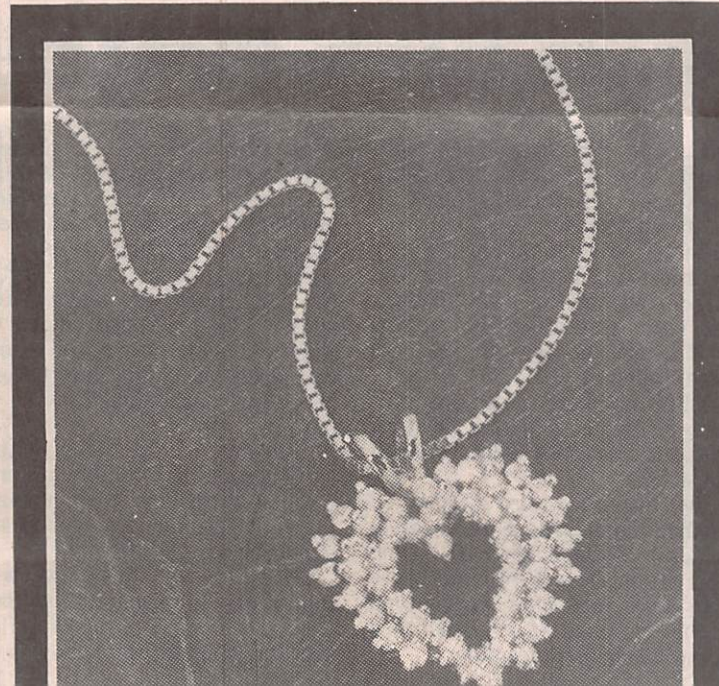
The EPA did not hold public hearings when it first proposed expanding the non-attainment boundaries.

Mack said the coalition will be at the public hearings in support of increased monitoring, especially in Orem, and tighter controls on industries that contribute to carbon monoxide.

Marv Maxell, manager of support services branch over compliance and monitoring, said the state Bureau of Air Quality has mixed feelings about leaving the non-attainment boundary as is.

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